

CENTRAL SHENANDOAH HEALTH DISTRICT COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE



March 19, 2021

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK

Who We Vaccinated This Week: This week we expanded our vaccination efforts to include more groups of Phase 1b essential workers and those 35-64 with high risk health conditions. We expect to expand our vaccination to more groups in the coming weeks. In partnership with our healthcare partners, this week we vaccinated:

- Phase 1a healthcare workers
- Phase 1b essential employees
- Ages 65+
- Ages 35-64 with high risk health conditions

Federal Retail Pharmacy Partners to Expand Vaccine Eligibility: VDH announced on Wednesday, March 17th that [Federal Retail Pharmacy](#) partners will expand within [Phase 1b](#) to offer vaccines to individuals who are 16-64 with high-risk medical conditions, as well as frontline essential workers, including:

- Police, Fire, and Hazmat
- Corrections and homeless shelters
- Food and Agriculture (including veterinarians)
- Manufacturing
- Grocery stores (including farmers' market food vendors)
- Public transit (including rideshare drivers)
- Mail carriers (USPS and private)
- Officials needed to maintain continuity of government (including judges and public facing judicial workers)
- Clergy/faith leaders
- Janitorial/cleaning

To read the complete press release, please click [here](#).

CSHD COVID-19 Office Hours Change:

Join our weekly call! We are now hosting a weekly "COVID-19 Community Call-In" every Wednesday. We will host a Spanish language call from 6:00pm-6:45pm and an English language call from 7:00pm-7:45pm. You can call in at 1-844-992-4729 and enter the access code 132 173 5589 to join. This will replace our twice weekly "Office Hours."

CSHD COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment

Process: Central Shenandoah Health District transitioned our COVID-19 vaccine clinic appointment process from invitation-

only to a combination of invitation-only and posting appointment slots on our website. CSHD will be posting available appointment slots for the next day's clinics at 12:00 pm on our website. These appointments are based on vaccine availability. CSHD will be continuing to use the Virginia Pre-Registration database to pull names of eligible persons and inviting them to our clinics first. If there are still appointment slots that need to be filled, then these appointments will be available on our [website](#).

WEEKLY COVID-19 COMMUNITY CALL-IN

Do you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine? Join our health educators for a weekly call! This is a 45-minute Q&A session to ask questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.

WHEN (English): Wednesdays from 7:00pm-7:45pm

WHEN (Spanish): Wednesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

HOW: Join by phone

CALL IN AT: 1-844-992-4726

ACCESS ID: 132 173 5589

When asked for an attendee ID, press #

Dial the number above and enter the access code when prompted. Please mute upon entry and unmute when you have a question.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I live in Staunton, but received a vaccine appointment invite for a CSHD clinic Rockingham County. Will my appointment be cancelled since I don't live in Rockingham County?

CSHD clinics are open to all CSHD residents. Your appointment will not be cancelled based on your address. Please check the invitation for other clinic requirements (age eligibility, work eligibility, etc.).

I already received the vaccine, but I keep getting appointment emails. How do I "remove" myself from the list?

Your record will be automatically marked that you received the vaccine in the Virginia Pre-Registration system. It may take a few weeks for your record to be updated. If you receive registration information from us and you have been vaccinated and are scheduled to get your second dose (if applicable) you can ignore the email.

You can unsubscribe from our mailing list by clicking "unsubscribe" at the bottom of any of our newsletters.

I am an essential employee and received an invite to a CSHD clinic. It asks me to bring "employment verification" to my vaccine appointment. What should I bring?

You should bring evidence of essential work, such as a badge, letter, paystub, email correspondence, business card, or other proof of duties.

Can I change my pre-registration information?

The State added increased functionality to the pre-registration system this week and Virginians can now change or edit their pre-registration information at vaccinate.virginia.gov. It is important that everyone checks that they are pre-registered and verifies all of the information in their profile. There is information that CSHD did not ask in our pre-registration surveys that needs to be added to your record in the State system.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE WHILE YOU WAIT

If you are not sure which phase you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, please fill out the [VDH COVID-19 Eligibility Tool](#).

Statewide Vaccine Pre-Registration System:

All Virginians can pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine at vaccinate.virginia.gov OR by calling the Virginia



**SIGN UP FOR YOUR
FREE COVID-19 VACCINE**

Vaccinate.Virginia.gov

Or call 1-877-VAX-IN-VA 7 days a week, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Available in English and Spanish. Call-back service in 100+ languages. TTY service.

VACCINATE VIRGINIA

- GET INFORMATION on how vaccines work and why they are safe.
- GET PRE-REGISTERED to put your name on the list.
- GET VACCINATED —when it's your turn, we'll contact you to schedule your vaccine.

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



**INSCRÍBETE PARA RECIBIR GRATIS
UNA VACUNA CONTRA EL COVID-19**

Vaccinate.Virginia.gov

O llama al 1-877-829-4682 los 7 días de la semana, de 8:00 a.m a 8:00 p.m. Disponible en inglés y en español. Servicios de llamadas multilingüe en más de 100 idiomas. Los usuarios del servicio TTY deben marcar 7-1-1.

VACCINATE VIRGINIA

- OBTÉN INFORMACIÓN sobre cómo funcionan las vacunas y por qué son seguras.
- PREINSCRÍBETE para formar parte de la lista.
- RECIBE LA VACUNA —cuando sea tu turno, nos comunicaremos contigo para programar tu vacunación.

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Everyone should:

- **Talk to your doctor.** Ask your doctor if they plan to provide the COVID-19 vaccine and if you have any concerns about allergies.
- **Follow us on Facebook.** We will post important COVID-19 vaccine updates on our Facebook page.
- **Bookmark our website.** We also post updates on our website, including any press releases we issue.
- **Attend our weekly COVID-19 Community Call-In.** We are now hosting a weekly "COVID-19 Community Call-In" every Wednesday. We will host a Spanish language call from 6:00pm-6:45pm and an English language call from 7:00pm-7:45pm. You can call in at 1-844-992-4729 and enter the access code 132 173 5589 to join.

VACCINATION NUMBERS

We are publishing daily and weekly data on the number of vaccines we administered and the populations we vaccinated. The daily vaccine numbers can be found on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

These numbers only reflect COVID-19 vaccinations given by the Central Shenandoah Health District and are not a reflection of total COVID-19 vaccines given within the health district. They are approximate as of date received. For total COVID-19 vaccine distribution numbers, please visit the [VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#). The snapshot for last week is below and can also be found on our website.

Note on weekly total: CSHD plans our clinics week to week, with vaccines earmarked for specific clinics and populations. Sometimes, not all of our vaccines are used in a week, but our goal is to get it out into arms as fast as possible, therefore we make sure to use those leftover doses in clinics the following week and increase the vaccination capacity for that week. Furthermore, CSHD worked with the Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 to gain access to vaccines that may have not been earmarked for immediate use in community vaccination efforts. The common mission of all partners working on vaccine response is to get vaccines out to priority groups as quickly as possible.

CSHD COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts - Week of March 8th



Vaccine Planning Considerations:

It is important to take the following into consideration when looking at district vaccine distribution efforts:

- The distribution of vaccine from the federal government to Virginia has been limited, which has affected the ability of local health departments and community partners to obtain vaccine to offer to priority groups.
- We expect vaccine availability to be limited over the next few months.
- CSHD is working with our local healthcare partners to increase our community capacity to vaccinate individuals in Phase 1b.



Total COVID-19 Vaccines Given by CSHD

37,750

*as of 3/12/2021

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Planned Vaccination Efforts

This Week:

PHASE 1A:

- Phase 1A catch-up
- 2nd Doses

PHASE 1B:

- K-12 education/daycare
- Essential workers
 - Food and Ag, Manufacturing, Grocery Store Workers
- Persons aged 65 years+
- Persons aged 50-64 with high risk health conditions or disabilities

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Next Week:

PHASE 1A:

- Phase 1A catch-up
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PHASE 1B:

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Date	Daily Number of COVID-19 Vaccines Distributed by CSHD
Mon, March 8	3,320
Tues, March 9	1,500
Weds, March 10	2,350
Thurs, March 11	240
Fri, March 12	1,500
Weekly Total	8,710



DON'T FORGET-STAY VIGILANT!

COVID-19 is in our community. To stop the spread, everyone should continue to:

- Wear a face mask when around people you don't live with
- Avoid social gatherings and keep 6ft. distance between you and others
- Wash your hands and cover your cough

It is crucial that everyone takes these prevention measures, even after you get vaccinated!

Central Shenandoah Health District:

- Our district comprises of 5 counties and 5 cities: Rockingham, Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath & Highland Counties; Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, Lexington, Buena Vista Cities
- Due to the differences in populations and resources in the five counties and five cities that make up the district, some areas may move into the different vaccination phases faster than others. We should also expect overlap in the phases as we work through the vaccination process.



The COVID-19 vaccine is here, but we still need to focus on flattening the curve.

Watch your distance | Wash your hands | Wear a mask

Keep your **game-time** celebrations small this year to fight COVID.
That way, **we all win.**



Sign up for our COVID-19 newsletter here!

You can unsubscribe to these emails by clicking "Unsubscribe" below the newsletter.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine visit the [Virginia Department of Health Website](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/).

